

# Hunter Mill News

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## Summer/Fall 2000

Dear Constituents,

Hunter Mill District is ground zero for activity in Fairfax County and the pace of activities during the past six months is truly reflected in the Hunter Mill District office. I am pleased to serve as supervisor of Fairfax County's most vibrant district. I have set a goal to provide effective communication for all citizens in the district by creating opportunities to listen to the needs of citizens, respond to the concerns and keep citizens informed of the issues in the district and county.

For those that may not know, the Hunter Mill District office is located at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive where you also find the Reston District Police Station. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday hours for walk-in constituent service are on the third Saturday of each month, alternating between the Bowman Towne Drive location and the Vienna Town Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

A convenient way to reach me and to find information of importance on the District is through the web page at [www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/). In addition to district

and county information, a constituent feedback form is available.

I rely on the communication with homeowner, condominium, tenant, and cluster associations to reach out and share district information. Please complete the homeowner (HOA) contact form or the HOA form in this newsletter if your association has not been included in recent district communications. Also, I always welcome opportunities to attend association and community meetings.

One way of addressing some issues has been through my cable show, "Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins," which can be seen on Comcast Channel 28 and Cox Channel 16. Recent programs discussed:

- the pilot program to manage residential traffic concerns
  - the new tax-exempt Northern Virginia Land Conservation Trust Program to save open space
  - the Fairfax County Partnership for Youth on the exciting things the Partnership is doing to assist organizations working with youth, like the new mentoring program.
- Do you have an idea that you

would like to know more about?

Much is happening in Hunter Mill District. This newsletter will come to you twice a year to keep you up to date. Informing you is just one way of serving you. I am anxious to share what I know with the residents and I welcome your input on what you consider important. Until next time, be sure to check the web site for the latest happening in the Hunter Mill District or call the office at 703-478-0283.

Sincerely,

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# Key Issues in Hu

## Transportation

The Hunter Mill District Transportation Seminar on May 13 at the Reston Community Center was part of an outreach and education effort for citizens. The County's Department of Transportation provided an excellent transportation overview, which included the roles and responsibilities of all levels of government, the different agencies involved with transportation, revenues for transportation projects and allocation formulas. Statistics clearly highlight the transportation problem when Northern Virginia is compared to the Commonwealth. We have:

- 4% of the land area
- 9% of the road lane miles with 21% of the vehicle miles traveled
- 33% of the economic base
- 25% of the population
- 68% of transit ridership.

The transportation needs are clearly in Northern Virginia as is the revenue to address the problem. That message is not as clear to our friends in Richmond.

The Federal Transit Authority (FTA) has given approval for

the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit project with Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Administration (WMATA) designated as the agency to conduct the Preliminary Engineering and the National Environmental Policy Act (PE/NEPA) phase. The PE/NEPA phase will take approximately 26 months and require citizen input. Three public scoping meetings were held on July 25-27, 2000, to identify the issues and alternatives for development. The July 26 meeting was held in the Hunter Mill District at Langston Hughes Middle School. The final decision on the Dulles Rail project should be made by the summer of 2002.

On April 15, Wiehle Avenue opened, connecting the Fairfax County Parkway to Reston Avenue. The opening of this section of Wiehle Avenue will alleviate some of the impact of the construction of the Fairfax County Parkway between Baron Cameron Avenue and Walnut Branch Road and Stuart Road. The Parkway construction along this road section will be completed in December 2000. For

more information on the Parkway construction or other road construction projects in the Hunter Mill District, please visit our website: [www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/).

## Transportation Task Forces

Several citizen task forces have been established to address certain transportation issues facing residents in the Hunter Mill District. They are:

**1. Hunter Mill Road Task Force:** This is a citizen task force addressing citizen concerns on transportation projects along Hunter Mill Road with VDOT, DOT and the Supervisor's office. Accepting new members interested in the road projects along Hunter Mill Road. If interested, please contact Hunter Mill District Supervisor's office at 703-478-0283 or email [hntmill@co.fairfax.va.us](mailto:hntmill@co.fairfax.va.us) with name, address and telephone number.

**2. Hunter Mill District Bus Riders' Council:** This council focuses on issues affecting bus riders in Hunter Mill District. It's accepting new members who

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are interested in bus/public transportation issues. Please contact Hunter Mill District Office at 703-478-0283 or email [hntmill@co.fairfax.va.us](mailto:hntmill@co.fairfax.va.us) with name, address and telephone number.

**3. Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Committee:** This committee addresses transportation issues in the Hunter Mill District. *The committee is full.*

**4. Hunter Mill District Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Task Force:** This task force addresses, reviews and makes recommendations on Comprehensive Plan changes for the Dulles Corridor rail stations.

## Land Use

A Land Use Seminar was held on April 29, 2000, at South Lakes High School in Reston, Virginia. Several presentations were made that provided the following information:

### State of the District

- **Population and Development Trends:**

From 1994 to 1998, population increased from 80,801 to 92,487, a gain of 4.9%

- **Existing Residential and Non-residential Development on January 1, 1998:**

Office: 922 acres  
Institutional: 3,410 acres  
Industrial: 191 acres  
Retail: 441 acres  
Residential: 13,945 acres

- **Vacant and Underutilized Land as of January 1, 1999:**

Commercial/Industrial: 594 acres  
Residential: 1,801 acres  
Other Non-residential: 380 acres

### Land Use Process Overview:

The Department of Planning and Zoning provided a brief description and locator map of zoning-related changes within the District for the period of January 1, 1998, through April 20, 2000, and a brief overview of the following processes:

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment
- Development Review
- Out of Turn Amendment and Special Studies
- Area Plan Review
- Rezoning

A general question and answer period followed the presentations relating to Land Use, Parks, Stormwater Management, Transportation and Environmental issues.

Wayne A. Schmidt, Construction Project Director for the National Wildlife Federation was the guest presenter.

## Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee:

An Interim Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee has been established to provide greater participation of the Hunter Mill District residents in the land use process. The committee is reflective of all areas within the District. For ongoing status reports, you may access our web site at [www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/).

## Affordable Housing

The amount of affordable housing for all Fairfax County residents is a continuing concern to the community. The First-Time Homebuyers Program is one attempt to address this

important issue. As a result of our booming economy, Fairfax County is experiencing a shortage of affordable housing. The First-Time Homebuyers Program is one attempt to address this serious issue. Housing information is provided to the community through frequent mailings. To learn more, visit [www.co.fairfax.va.us.gov/rha/](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us.gov/rha/).

## **Reston Revitalization**

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has approved \$50,000 for the Lake Anne-Reston Revitalization Study. The funding will provide for consultant services to determine appropriate actions necessary to catalog the revitalization of Lake Anne and Reston.

In addition, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

adopted the FY2001 Budget that included a recurring \$20,000 for the Reston Historic Trust for Community Revitalization. This funding reflects the County's recognition of the role that the Trust plays in maintaining the unique qualities of Reston through greater understanding of its history.

It is recognized that a successful revitalization effort must engage a broad base of the Reston community. Because of the role that the Trust has played in addressing the revitalization of Reston, Supervisor Hudgins designated the Reston Historic Trust for Community Revitalization as the coordinating organization for the study. The comprehensive study will include strategies for neighborhood revitalization for residential

areas as well as the Lake Anne Commercial area.

## **Dog Parks**

The Reston Dog Park Coalition (RDPC) is currently working with the Park Authority and other governmental agencies to identify viable sites in Reston for a dog park. RDPC is also working within the community to promote responsible dog ownership and to publicize the need for off-leash areas.

The RDPC has initiated the process to start an off-leash dog area by forwarding site recommendations to the Park Authority. On Supervisor Hudgins' motion, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed the Park Authority to review the proposed site recommendations and to initiate an additional off-leash dog area.

## **Rabies Vaccine: A Must for Pets**

Hunter Mill District residents are urged to make sure their pet's rabies vaccinations are up to date. A recent animal control case involving a sick raccoon that later tested positive for rabies in the Centreville area is reason enough for all pet owners to comply with the law and ensure that their animals receive rabies vaccinations on a regular basis.

## **Supervisor Hudgins Holds Saturday Office Hours**

Office hours for Hunter Mill District citizens to meet with the Supervisor are held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on the third Saturday of each month, alternating meeting sites between the Hunter Mill District Office in Reston and the Vienna Town Hall.

“I know that there may be citizens in my district who may be unable to share their concerns with me during weekday hours and I want to make it possible for all Hunter Mill District citizens to meet with me on issues of concern,” said Supervisor Hudgins.

“Vienna Town officials have been kind enough to provide space in their Town Hall. All Hunter Mill citizens are welcome to come to either office location.”

The schedule of Saturday hours for the remainder of 2000:

- Vienna Town Hall:  
September 16 and  
November 18
- Hunter Mill Office in  
Reston: October 21

There will be no Saturday hours in August and December.

## **County Approves Funds for Club Phoenix Teen Center**

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins recently informed the Town of Vienna that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has allocated an additional \$20,000 in its fiscal year 2001 budget for Vienna’s Club Phoenix Teen Center. The money will be used for operational costs and to provide for the expansion of teen programs, activities and special events, and staff required for planning, implementing and supervising the expanded operations. The Total County FY 2001 contribution to Club Phoenix is \$40,000.

## **Democracy Network Pilot Program Chosen for Vienna**

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) has selected Vienna as the first community in the Commonwealth of Virginia to participate in a pilot project for voters called Democracy Network (DNet).

DNet is a nationwide interactive online network of electoral information that gives candidates a website where they can share their positions with voters and respond to questions on the Internet.

Supervisor Hudgins commended the LWVFA on their initiative to make the DNet pilot program a success in Vienna and urged the Fairfax County Electoral Board to monitor the progress of DNet.

### **How to Connect with Your Hunter Mill District Office**

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- **Meet** Supervisor Hudgins at her Saturday office hours that are listed elsewhere on this page.



# News about Hunter Mill Citizens

## Hunter Mill District Appointments

The following citizens have been appointed to represent Hunter Mill District on Fairfax County Board, Authority and Commissions.

**Stephanie Y. Abbott**  
Library Board

**Vade Bolton**  
Civil Service Commission & the A. Heath Onthank Memorial Award Selection Committee

**Patricia Hynes Brandon**  
Juvenile Court Citizen Advisory Council

**Cynthia Chambliss**  
Small Business Commission

**Shauna Cole**  
Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy

**Gregory W. Copeland**  
Criminal Justice Advisory Board

**Dee Cotton**  
Community Improvement Committee

**Jerome A. Geary**  
Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board

**Robert A. Gehring**  
Fairfax Area Commission on Aging

**Allen Herbert, Jr.**  
Board of Directors, Celebrate Fairfax

**Anngiennetta R. Johnson**  
Fairfax/Falls Church Community Services Board

**Colonel D. Lovett**  
Engineering Standards Review Committee

**Bernice Mayfield**  
Child Care Advisory Council

**Gwendolyn L. Minton**  
Park Authority

**Ann Rodriquez**  
Economic Development Authority

**Karl Simon**  
Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation

**Charles V. Smith**  
Tenant Landlord Commission

**Judith Suchoski**  
Environmental Quality Advisory Council

**Michael K. Tobias**  
Road Viewers Board

**Bruce Wright**  
Countywide Non-Motorized Transportation (Trails) Committee

## Reappointments

**Dr. Robert M. Greenberg**  
Health Systems Agency Board

**Henry B. Latimer**  
Human Services Council

**Edson L. Tennyson**  
Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council Citizen Advisory Committee

## Reston Welcomes New Police Captain

On June 5, 2000, the Reston District Police Station welcomed Captain Edwin Roessler as its new commander. Captain Roessler comes to the Reston Police Station from the Mason District Police Station.

Captain Roessler replaces Captain Robert Beach, who has been promoted to a Major and now heads the Fairfax County Police Academy.

## Area Student Places 7<sup>th</sup> in National Geography Contest

Congratulations to **Stephen Young**, who completed eighth grade at Langston Hughes Middle School in Reston, for coming in 7<sup>th</sup> in the national Geography Bee. Stephen won

the Virginia Geography Bee, which placed him in the national competition.

### **South Lakes High Performs at Edinburgh Theatre Festival**

South Lakes High School Drama Department, under the leadership of Director Maria Harris, has been selected to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia at the world's largest arts festival, the exclusive Edinburgh Theatre Festival. South Lakes was one of only 11 programs from the United States selected. The students will perform "Phantom," which was

also their 1999 Spring musical. Congratulations, students and Director Maria Harris.

### **Congratulations, Shrinking Structure Team!**

The Shrinking Structure Team from Forest Edge Elementary School in Reston, placed second in their division at the statewide Odyssey of the Mind competition in May, qualifying them for the World Finals that were held in Knoxville, Tennessee, later in the month. Congratulations to fifth graders **Benjamin Calacci, Ankur Desai, Peter Gudmundsen,**

**Peter Knole, Neil Sobin, and William Zeng,** and fourth grader **Kit Parker.** Another team, the Pest-asides, finished in third place. Congratulations, students!

### **Hunter Mill District Lord and Lady Fairfax Named**

Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins named **John E. Horejsi,** Vienna, and **Jane Gilmer Wilhelm,** Reston, as Lord and Lady Fairfax Honorees at the recent Celebrate Fairfax! Both are known in their respective communities for their outstanding civic involvement.

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## **Fairfax County Community Association Questionnaire**

(Homeowners Association/Civic Groups: Please complete this form or the online version on the Hunter Mill Website, if you are currently not receiving mailed communications from the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's office. Return to the address listed below.)

Full (legal) Name of Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Current, principal contact, for this association is: \_\_\_\_\_

The association uses the following address for principal contact purposes:

Street address or Post Office Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal contact's telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal contact's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this questionnaire to: Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins, Hunter Mill District, North County Government Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, Virginia 20190-3307. Or fax to 703-471-6847. Or complete the form online at [www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/huntermill/).

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## Introducing the Hunter Mill District Staff

The following staff members can be reached at 703-478-0283.  
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- **Ellen A. Graves**, Chief Administrative Aide, responsible for issues relating to human services, personal property taxes, day care centers, personnel, board appointments, housing, volunteers, and special events.
- **Goldie A. Harrison**, Legislative Assistant, responsible for issues relating to land use.
- **Kathleen LeGrand**, Receptionist.
- **Linda A. Singer**, Chief Administrative Aide, responsible for issues relating to transportation, education, libraries, revitalization, Supervisor Hudgins’ calendar.
- **Mary Ann Tsai**, Legislative Assistant, responsible for issues relating to transportation, public safety, public works and environmental services, consumer affairs, budget, parks and recreation. Serves as system administrator.



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